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## BIOGRAPHICAL DATA AT A GLANCE

**Awards:** Agriculture/Rural Communities  
Iowa Corn Growers Association, National Farmers Union, National Grain and Feed Association, National Corn Growers Association, American Farm Bureau Federation, National Telephone Cooperative Association, Iowa Farm Bureau, Agricultural Retailers Association, National Pork Producers Council, National Biodiesel Board, America and Wine America Winegrape Growers of America

Environment/Energy  
Iowa League of Resource Conservation and Development, Inc., Solar Energy Industries Association, National Hydropower Association, Geothermal Energy Association, Environmental and Energy Study Association, American Wind Energy Association, American Bioenergy Association

Good Government  
Congressional Coverage Coalition, American Arbitration Association, Project on  
Government Oversight, National Whistleblower Center, Sunshine Award from the Society  
of Professional Journalists, First Amendment Leadership Award from the Radio and  
Television News Directors Foundation

**Jobs and the Economy**  
Citizens for A Sound Economy, Watchdogs of the Treasury, Concord Coalition Citizens' Council, Council For Citizens Against Government Waste, National Taxpayers Union, National Association of Manufacturers, Washington International Trade Association

Small Business  
National Association for the Self-Employed, National Federation of Independent Business,  
U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Small Business Survival Committee

Health Care/Aging/Disabled  
 “60-Plus Association,” National Council of Senior Citizens, United Seniors Association,  
 American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging, National Association of  
 Community Health Centers, National Association of Rural Health Clinics, Coalition to  
 Save Medicare, National Osteoporosis Foundation, National Association of State Units on  
 Aging, American Network of Community Options and Resources, Iowa Physician  
 Assistant Society, Iowa Nurses’ Association, American Nurses Association, American  
 Association of Dental Schools, Family Voices, National PACE Association, National  
 Mental Health Association, Mental Health Association of Dubuque County Iowa,  
 American Health Care Association, Iowa Chiropactic Society, Alzheimer’s Association,  
 American Dietetic Association, American Physical Therapy Association, American  
 Hospital Association, American Academy of Family Physicians, United Seniors Health  
 Cooperative, Iowa Occupational Therapy Association, American Chiropactic Association,  
 National Citizens’ Coalition for Nursing Home Reform, Siouxland Community Health  
 Center, Ambulance Service Providers, National Association of Pediatric Nurse Associates  
 and Practitioners, National Patient Advocate Foundation, The Arc of the United States,  
 Understanding Disabilities Creating Opportunities, United Cerebral Palsy Association,  
 American Network of Community Options and Resources, American Academy of  
 Pediatrics, Alliance for Aging Research, Lutheran Services in America, National  
 Association of Area Agencies on Aging, National Association of Community Health Centers

Grassroots  
National Law Center for Children and Families, Vietnam Veterans of America,  
Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America, National Child Support Enforcement  
Association, Church Alliance, Job Corps, Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association,  
Association for Children for Enforcement of Support, Corporation for Enterprise  
Development, National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities  
Voice for Adoption

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"Grassley leading charge against accounting firms' tax-cheating ploys." Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier, January 9, 2004

"Iowa Sen. Charles Grassley, a bulldog defender of Midwestern farmers ... ." Reuters, December 30, 2003

“...a straight-talking, tightfisted, onetime pig farmer from north-central Iowa has become one of the most powerful men in Congress.” “The Hawkeye on the Hill,” U.S. News & World Report, June 23, 2003

"Grassley deserves credit for fashioning a compromise in a political snake pit. He quickly endorsed a correction once the issue came up, and he worked hard to make it happen. There are few other heroes in this story." The Des Moines Register, June 7, 2003.

"If Mr. Grassley has his way, the interests of rural America will loom large in the push to enact a Medicare law."  
The New York Times, June 2, 2003

<sup>10</sup> "The Big Man in Congress: Iowa Sen. Charles Grassley was the Republican perhaps most responsible for passage of the labeling legislation. He figured that if Americans knew where their meat and veggies were coming from, they might prefer to buy American, giving U.S. producers an advantage." *Omaha World-Herald*, June 1, 2003

"A rose to Senator Chuck Grassley for pushing for action on the deaths of 11 Mexican immigrants found last fall in a train car in Iowa....Grassley wants justice served to the immigrant smugglers — and the lives of migrants protected." The Des Moines Register, May 25, 2003

“Chuck Grassley called it right.....[And then] Congress did exactly what Grassley said it would. It faced reality and agreed to a \$330 billion tax cut.” Saluting Chuck, Cedar Rapids Gazette, May 24, 2003.

"Few politicians put as much stock in keeping their word as does Mr. Grassley." The New York Times, May 22, 2003

"The key to Grassley's success, senators and aides said, was his word." Knight Ridder, May 21, 2003

“[But] Grassley deserves praise for his dedication to doing what Iowans have asked him to do: work toward fairness for Iowa in Medicare reimbursement.” The Des Moines Register, May 17, 2003

“We can’t recall that he’s ever been rolled by a President.” “Brassy Grassley: Senate finance chief holds ground in budget fight,” *Barron’s*, April 21, 2003

"In his 44 years as a lawmaker at the state and federal levels, Grassley has always been a common-sense, no-nonsense kind of guy in the best conservative tradition. He's now in the right place at the right time to do great service to the nation by helping steer it toward realistic decisions." "Grassley: The right time, the right place," The Des Moines Register, November 10, 2002

“... he (Chuck Grassley) is one of the most dogged, honest members of the Senate ... .. he’s a heck of a public servant ...  
... There are many champions, but Chuck Grassley is a persistent champion of people.” Al Hunt on CNN’s Capital Gang,  
June 8, 2002

"Senator Charles Grassley did his Iowa constituents and the rest of the country a huge favor...probably saving Iowans at least \$100 million." Grassley vs. drugmakers, *The Des Moines Register*, March 15, 2000

"The public owes a debt of gratitude to Democratic Sen. Ron Wyden of Oregon and Republican Sen. Charles Grassley of Iowa. Their initiative was not especially well received by opponents of reform. But an indefensible and odious practice (secret 'holds') finally gave way to the public interest." - The Washington Post, March 10, 1999

"His influence in the Senate serves his constituents well. He is a hard worker. He is respected for his integrity, with staunch moral values that are rooted in his home state." - Omaha World-Herald, Oct. 31, 1998

"The law, championed by Sen. Chuck Grassley of Iowa, is a proven weapon in the fight against fraud and it's rapidly becoming the most effective tool there is in protecting the integrity of the health care system." - The Quad-City Times, July 21, 1998

"Grassley assails IRS, thankfully" - Dyersville Commercial, June 3, 1998

"Grassley does this at least once a year - visiting every county in Iowa...Like clockwork over the years he has gone out of his way to make sure he sees people in each county - in their home communities - each year.... [T]his is an easy litmus test of how well a politician is willing to keep his word." - Mount Airy Record-News, June 1998

"Grassley is a much more senior member of the Senate...in the majority and in a position to make recalcitrant bureaucrats uncomfortable pretty quickly..." Senator Grassley vs. The FBI by Jane Norman, The Des Moines Register, March 2, 1997

"Sen. Charles Grassley...is not afraid to ruffle feathers - even when those feathers belong to members of his own Republican Party or such Washington establishments as the military." - Ottumwa Courier, Jan. 2, 1996

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## U.S. Senator Chuck Grassley

### IOWA'S SENIOR SENATOR

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Chuck Grassley has kept his pledge to hold a meeting in each of his home state's 99 counties at least once every year since his election to the U.S. Senate. From the river towns along the Mississippi to the farm communities nestled among the Loess Hills in Western Iowa and the metropolitan and suburban centers in between, Grassley makes it his business to keep tabs on the public pulse in Iowa.

Grassley is known as a workhorse, not a show horse, and he's earned a reputation as an honest broker who tells it straight. By building consensus, he has achieved bipartisan agreements and defeated partisan gridlock in Washington. The result is good public policy. Grassley's seniority paid off for Iowa when he resumed chairmanship of the Senate Finance Committee in 2003. From here, he bears considerable influence over the shape and scope of key "quality of life" issues affecting virtually every American from cradle to grave. From taxes to Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, welfare policy, pensions, worker's compensation and job-generating international trade, Iowa's senior senator controls the legislative gears in the Senate on giant public entitlement programs and other key tax and spending issues.

Using this chairmanship and other committee assignments — including Agriculture, Judiciary and Budget — to gain the best advantage for Iowans, Grassley works to advance initiatives that will help usher in a new era of prosperity and security in the 21st century. From job security to health care, energy, retirement and homeland security, Grassley understands the uncertainty that still lingers from the 2001 terrorist attacks and the ongoing global war on terrorism. With an economic recovery still reeling from corporate accounting scandals and job losses, he is working to restore investor confidence, trigger consumer spending and business growth, enact pension protections and crack down on corporate corruption and tax evasion.

Recently, Grassley's legislative imprint can be found in a landmark jobs and economic growth package that accelerated marginal tax rate reductions, expanded child tax credits, reduced capital gains and dividend tax rates and enhanced expensing deductions for small business. He also developed the new Medicare program which includes a first-ever prescription drug benefit and landmark rural health provisions to improve unfair federal formulas that shortchange the health care delivery system in states like Iowa. Grassley's influence also can be found in the national energy bill that would put a strong emphasis on renewable fuel development. That includes wind, ethanol, biodiesel and biomass.

Beyond bringing Medicare into the 21st century to help older Americans meet rising health care costs, Grassley works to help the disabled and working poor to afford health care coverage. Grassley has been pushing a bipartisan plan to allow working parents to buy into Medicaid for children with special needs. He also led efforts to stop Congress from cutting spending on Medicaid and adding significantly to the ranks of the uninsured. With 43 million Americans facing no health care coverage, Grassley is committed to doing more to help ease the burden of the uninsured.

A life-long Iowan, Grassley's Midwestern manners have served him well in an often testy environment in Washington. His lawmaking and leadership skills reflect tenacity, integrity and a command of the issues and political landscape. An unpretentious pragmatist, Grassley gets the job done for Iowans. He's an independent, common sense conservative who leaves no stone unturned in his legislative or oversight pursuits. From boosting the use of ethanol to fixing unfair Medicare reimbursement formulas, Grassley fights hard for rural America.

A tight-fisted grip on the federal purse strings is needed now more than ever to help curb rising deficits. In 1997, Grassley helped shepherd through Congress the first balanced budget since 1969. Working to rein in fraud against the government by defense contractors in the 1980s, Grassley first won passage of amendments to the False Claims Act in 1986. He fiercely defends these provisions credited with recovering more than \$12 billion to the U.S. Treasury. In recent years, the Grassley whistleblower laws have become the government's most effective tools against health care fraud.

Grassley also takes seriously his constitutional oversight responsibilities and works to improve performance standards and government service.

Believing that sunshine is the best disinfectant, Grassley works to keep the federal government transparent, accountable and effective. From rooting out government mismanagement, corporate corruption, or contractor fraud, Grassley sinks his teeth into an issue and doesn't let go until the problem is remedied. He tracks down wrongdoers whose misdeeds fleece taxpayers, investors, or the elderly.

When the federal bureaucracy shoves an issue to the back burner, Grassley keeps the heat on. He presses for results for Iowans who worked during the Cold War at the Army Ammunition Plant in Middletown and today encounter unexplained delays with the compensation program set up to help those who were exposed to and made sick by radiation and toxic materials at the facility. Like the crusade Grassley led in 1992 to challenge the U.S. government to release over a million pages of documents about missing POWs and MIAs from the Vietnam War, Grassley says plant workers and their families deserve full disclosure and honesty from the federal government.

Keeping a short leash on the management practices of the IRS, FBI, Department of Homeland Security and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services keeps Grassley busy. If something fails the smell test, he blows the whistle. Grassley continues long-standing oversight over the Defense Department's ability to misspend tax dollars by working to cleanup the misuse of government-issued credit cards. He's raised doubts about hefty government relocation fees paid for transferring federal employees. Grassley has called for an investigation of fraud and

abuse of Social Security disability payments, while also passing legislation to close the loopholes exploited by bad actors. Grassley says if 10 percent of the disability claims are fraudulent, billions of tax dollars every year are being drained from a program that already faces formidable solvency issues once members of the baby boom generations begin to draw benefits in the next decade.

Grassley watches out for the interests of the elderly, especially the 1.5 million residents in the nation's nursing homes. As chairman of the Senate Aging Committee in the late 1990s, he exposed horrific neglect in some of the nation's 17,000 nursing homes. He has worked to improve standards of care, staffing issues and consumer information. Most recently, Grassley raised doubts about proposed regulations that would allow unskilled staff to feed residents with limited supervision.

Grassley also champions whistleblowers in government and private industry who put their job security on the line to come forward and expose fraud or wrongdoing for the public good. Speaking out for native Iowan Coleen Rowley at a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing, Grassley praised her courage and code of ethics for coming forward with information that helped trigger management reforms at the FBI after 9-11. The senator successfully fought to include whistleblower protections for employees of publicly traded companies in the new corporate accounting law to encourage revelations of corporate wrongdoing. He also worked to make sure federal employees in the new Homeland Security Department could come forward with information regarding national security and public safety.

As the only working family farmer in the U.S. Senate, Grassley gives farmers a voice at the policymaking tables in Washington and around the world during global trade negotiations. He recognizes the importance of the farm safety net for rural America and independent producers and is an outspoken advocate to curb anti-competitive practices in the food chain, including vertical integration in the meatpacking industry. Grassley's also pushing to enact payment limits on farm program subsidies to prevent the largest operators from getting two-thirds of total farm payments. Grassley warns if the current system continues, the farm safety net will unravel as urban Americans learn about a few large farmers reaping millions from the U.S. Treasury. According to this farmer-lawmaker, the gross disparity undermines the intent of the farm safety net and helps perpetuate the growth of large, corporate farms and rural population decline.

Keeping his rural roots close to heart, Grassley is a leading advocate for renewable energy development in Congress. Looking to build upon his victory to secure the federal ethanol program through 2007, Grassley says advancing renewable fuels is good public policy that will create jobs and spur economic growth in rural America, increase U.S. energy independence, help clean up the environment and enhance national security.

Grassley is an effective representative for Iowans. He doesn't lose touch with those who sent him to Washington and brings an Iowa work ethic to the nation's capital. He is the 17th highest ranking member of the U.S. Senate.

While Senator Grassley works in Washington, he lives in Iowa. He returns home almost every weekend. He and his wife Barbara raised five children in New Hartford. They have nine grandchildren.